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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT PROVIDING FREE TUITION AT STATE COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES FOR SIBLINGS, CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF
MILITARY PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ OR
AFGHANISTAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 22 of public act 03-19, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
11 institution, (2) for any sibling, dependent child or spouse of any person
12 who served in the armed forces and was killed in action in Southwest
13 Asia during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom,
14 which sibling, child or spouse has been accepted for admission to such

15 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such sibling,
 16 child or spouse is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for
 17 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
 18 of section 27-103, as amended, or who served in either a combat or
 19 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
 20 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
 21 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
 22 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
 23 such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such
 24 veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, [(3)] (4) for any
 25 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at
 26 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
 27 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
 28 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
 29 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
 30 such course after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (5) for any
 31 student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is
 32 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in
 33 coordination with a regional community-technical college which
 34 accredits courses taken in such program, [(5)] (6) for any active
 35 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a
 36 resident of Connecticut, (B) has been certified by the Adjutant General
 37 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of
 38 the guard, and (C) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such
 39 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate
 40 degree-granting program, [(6)] (7) for any dependent child of a (A)
 41 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or
 42 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or
 43 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)
 44 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,
 45 and [(7)] (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
 46 surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of
 47 this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance
 48 with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational

49 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the
50 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in
51 subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection and members of the National
52 Guard described in subdivision [(5)] (6) of this subsection shall be
53 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
54 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.

55 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes, as
56 amended by section 23 of public act 03-19 and section 200 of public act
57 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is
58 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

59 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
60 Connecticut State University system (1) for any dependent child of a
61 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
62 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
63 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
64 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
65 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for
66 any sibling, dependent child or spouse of any person who served in
67 the armed forces and was killed in action in Southwest Asia during
68 Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, which
69 sibling, child or spouse has been accepted for admission to such
70 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such sibling,
71 child or spouse is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for
72 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
73 of section 27-103, as amended, or who served in either a combat or
74 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
75 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
76 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
77 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
78 such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such
79 veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, [(3)] (4) for any
80 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
81 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is

82 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
 83 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
 84 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to
 85 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to
 86 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
 87 all such students, [(4)] (5) for any student attending the Connecticut
 88 Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
 89 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
 90 courses taken in such program, [(5)] (6) for any active member of the
 91 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of
 92 Connecticut, (B) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such
 93 Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
 94 guard, and (C) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution
 95 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting
 96 program, [(6)] (7) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as
 97 defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer,
 98 (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer
 99 fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as
 100 defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, and [(7)] (8) for any
 101 resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a
 102 specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state. If any person
 103 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
 104 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
 105 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
 106 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision [(2)] (3) of this
 107 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
 108 subdivision [(5)] (6) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
 109 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
 110 Connecticut state universities.

111 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes, as
 112 amended by section 24 of public act 03-19 and section 201 of public act
 113 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is
 114 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

115 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
 116 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
 117 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
 118 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
 119 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
 120 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
 121 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said
 122 institution, (2) for any sibling, dependent child or spouse of any person
 123 who served in the armed forces and was killed in action in Southwest
 124 Asia during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom,
 125 which sibling, child or spouse has been accepted for admission to such
 126 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such sibling,
 127 child or spouse is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for
 128 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a)
 129 of section 27-103, as amended, or who served in either a combat or
 130 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
 131 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to
 132 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September
 133 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to
 134 said institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such
 135 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, [(3)] (4) for any
 136 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been
 137 accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is
 138 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
 139 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
 140 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to
 141 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to
 142 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
 143 all such students, [(4)] (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
 144 Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of Connecticut, (B)
 145 has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's
 146 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (C) is
 147 enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or
 148 part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, [(5)] (6)

149 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-
 150 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
 151 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
 152 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
 153 killed in the line of duty, and [(6)] (7) for any resident of the state who
 154 is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
 155 victim who was a resident of the state. If any person who receives a
 156 tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
 157 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
 158 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
 159 Veterans described in subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection and
 160 members of the National Guard described in subdivision [(4)] (5) of
 161 this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
 162 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
 163 Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide free tuition at all state colleges and universities for any sibling, dependent child or spouse of any person who served in the armed forces and was killed in action in Iraq or Afghanistan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]